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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: B. Balinov, et al.                      Group Art Unit: 1616  
Serial Number: 09/673,160                      Examiner: M. Hartley  
Filed: December 11, 2000  
For: Ultrasound Contrast Agent

Response to Office Action

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2002, in connection with the captioned application, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants are also submitting, concurrently herewith, a petition to extend the period of response three months from December 26, 2002, to and including March 26, 2003.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C., 20231, on 3/26/03

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